

QUESTION RE DIFFERENT VIEWS OF FUTURE EVENTS

Three different views concerning the future. I will go over them briefly.

The post-millennial view begins with Calvary and stretches a Church period down to a time when the so-called millennium will begin. They say a thousand simply means a long period of time. But the world will be getting better and better until they enter into a millennial situation when Satan is bound. Then at the end of that period there is a short time of tribulation before the Lord returns, and then there is a new Heaven and a new Earth.

The a-millennial position starts with Calvary and the millennium is spiritual altogether. The millennium is Christ reigning in Heaven, and the thousand years does not mean a thousand but simply a long period of time during which Satan is bound, and at the end there is a little tribulation period, and then the new heavens and Earth.

The view we follow is the pre-millennial position which begins with Calvary. Then there is a Church period which I believe ends with the rapture of the Church. Immediately after that there is a period of tribulation of exactly seven years, followed by the millennial period in which the Lord returns all the way to the Earth, and then the move into eternity.

The things we have been saying primarily in connection with the future aspects of Ezekiel have to do with the Tribulation and the Millennium. During the Tribulation there is the reign of the Antichrist, a time of peace at the beginning in which Israel is invaded by Gog and Magog, and then the Millennium in which Christ rules for a thousand years literally before we go into the eternity of the future.

In all of the above views there are some within each group who hold various different views. But these are basically the three views held by believers.

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